

## Instructions and Guidelines for Stormwater Fee Abatements

The City of Newton offers abatements against the stormwater fee for stormwater service customers who undertake specific actions to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on the public stormwater system, or provide an on-going benefit related to stormwater management. Abatements are evaluated based upon two categories 1) On-site stormwater management systems and 2) Stormwater Quality Treatment. Residential and non-residential properties may apply using the same form.

If a property owner, school or business wishes to obtain abatement for the storm drain fee, a completed application form with supporting documentation shall be submitted to the Stormwater Program Manager. Please attach to the application any plans, sketches or engineering reports that indicate the location of these structures (e.g., dry wells, leaching galleys, detention basins, etc.) and the area captured by these stormwater controls or best management practices.

The Stormwater Program Manager will review the application and conduct a site visit, if necessary, to determine the appropriate fee reduction based upon the following schedule.

	<b><u>Residential</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Residential</u></b>
Roof runoff captured and infiltrated:	25 to 50%	25 to 50%
Driveway / parking lot captured and infiltrated:	15 to 25%	25 to 50%
Stormwater Quality (pre-treatment prior to entering public drainage system):	10 to 20%	10 to 20%

Since house, building, driveway and/or parking lot areas vary greatly with the properties in Newton; a range of percentages is given so that a fair evaluation may be given to all applicants. The following are examples of how the above rate structure may be applied:

Single-family house with all roof leaders connected underground to a 500-gallon dry well sized to handle 7 inches of rain over a 24-hour period (100-year storm) = 50% deduction.

All driveway runoff is collected by a catch basin that conveys water to a second 500-gallon dry well, sized for the 100-year storm = 25% reduced fee.

Local gas station installs and maintains a Stormceptor™ such that all stormwater runoff on their property passes through this unit prior to entering the public drain = 20% deduction.

The total number of deductions given to any property cannot exceed 75% of the stormwater fee for that property.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to apply for an abatement and to provide the necessary supporting documentation with the application. Abatement applications will only be reviewed if they are filled out completely. The review will be performed within four (4) weeks of receiving the application. Final approval of the abatement, if any, shall be made by the Commissioner of Public Works or his designee.

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## City of Newton Stormwater Fee Abatement Application

### Instructions:

1. Forms must be signed by the financially responsible person if an individual, or if not an individual, by an officer, director, partner, or registered agent with authority to execute instruments for the financially responsible person.

2. Mail the completed form to:  
(or hand deliver)

City of Newton - Dept. of Public Works  
Stormwater Program Manager, Engineering Division  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Property Owner or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Phone Numbers: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Contact (if different than property owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Contact mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type(s) of Stormwater Management on property: (check all that apply)

☐ Dry wells, galleys (underground concrete structures)

☐ Detention / Retention Basin

☐ StormTech chamber(s) (underground HDPE structures)

☐ Permeable pavement or pavers\*  
\* min. of 10% void area per square foot

☐ Rainwater recovery tank

☐ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Stormceptor®

Installation Date of above: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Plan, hydrologic calculations or other documentation attached:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Has the Engineering Division reviewed your Stormwater Management Plan as part of a building or Special permit?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, we will locate your permit file and copy the pertinent information.

I hereby request the Stormwater Program Manager to review this application and I give authorization to enter onto my property for purposes of verifying this information. I certify that I have authority to make such a request and grant such authority for this property. The information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to provide corrected information to the City of Newton Department of Public Works should there be any change in the information provided herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do not write in the shaded area (Utility Use Only)

Credit Approved (check one): ☐ Yes for \_\_\_\_\_ % of Annual Fee ☐ No

If No, provide a brief explanation for denial:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_